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HERE AT LAST!

The Bulletin of the Park Avenue Synagogue has arrived. It was a long time coming, but we are grateful it is here—to stay. It will fill a long-felt need in the Congregation. There has been a want of a central voice to announce and commend the inter-related activities of the various groups of the Temple. There has been a lack of concerted publicity to reach and arouse the interest of a larger circle of neighbors and friends in the progressive social, cultural and religious work which is being done in our institution. For this reason alone we welcome the Bulletin as the right agency on the right spot at the right time. Beginning humbly and modestly as a folder, we are confident that it will gain in strength and favor as the months go on, eventually becoming an organ of interest, instruction and inspiration.

THE LATEST BLOSSOM

One of the most interesting developments of consistent and constructive enthusiasm is the creation of the "*Publicity Committee*," headed by Mr. Benjamin E. Paneth. Every member believes in efficiency and means business in all matters pertaining to the prestige and progress of the Temple. This Bulletin, their offspring, wishes them a ringing success.

DIVINE SERVICES

The hours of public worship at the Park Avenue Synagogue are: Friday evenings at 8:15, and Saturday mornings at 10:00. The Sabbath ritual is impressively rendered by Cantor Abraham Sukoening and supported by a choir of recognized artists. Following are the topical lectures on the season's best plays for the month:

February 3rd—

"A MARKED CHILD"

February 10th—Mr. Maurice B. Blumenthal will address the Congregation on

"THE JEWS AND THE LAW"

February 17th—

"THE RACKET"

February 24th—

"THE ESCAPE"

All are welcome.

THE CAMPAIGN

The Synagogue Membership Committee has launched an aggressive campaign for 50 new members to be listed within the next two months. It is undertaken from sheer force of necessity in order to meet the budgetary obligations of the new building. Every constituent can help in this matter by trying to bring in one member. Phone or write to Dr. Schulman about any prospects you may have. We have made a good start and registered a gain of five families.

THE SISTERHOOD'S BIG STRIDE

This organization has become a pace-maker. It is growing by leaps and bounds. New members are joining its ranks so fast that the Recording Secretary threatens to strike for an assistant to help her keep the roll. It has a great and wonderful future because it is performing magnificent services in the present.

All aboard for the social event of the season which will be held Wednesday evening, February 22nd, in the Grand Ball Room of the Hotel Pennsylvania. Sister Sylvia Schulman, and her entertainment committee will officiate as hostesses.

A Glee Club has recently been formed under Cantor Sukoenig's leadership.

Meetings are held on the 2nd and 4th Tuesdays of the month at 2 p. m.

Sewing for orphan children every Tuesday.

A social hour for members will be held Tuesday, February 28th.

OUR FREE SCHOOL

All Jewish parents who have children of school age are urged to give them a chance in religious education and spiritual culture. We offer our home, facilities and benefits free of charge to all children. Let them come and take advantage of the good things that are awaiting them in club life, social activity, charitable endeavor, and in the knowledge of Hebrew History and Religion. School sessions are held Saturdays and Sundays at 10 a. m. sharp.

THE SENIOR LEAGUE

The Senior League will hold its regular monthly meeting Tuesday evening, February 7th, at 8:30.

THE POST GRADUATE CLUB

The Post Graduate Club, due to the fact that it has just held a dance, will not bear down on its social activities during the month of February. However, we do intend to run off a social, that is, a dance, free of charge to all, during either February or March. The date is as yet undecided, but when the time comes, we assure all of a good time.

In regard to our Jewish Educational activities, Mr. Rudinsky, our leader, has organized a varied program and has chosen a fascinating period in Jewish history for discussion during the month of February. The period chosen for study is one in which lived such great personalities as Saadia, Ibn, Gebirol, Yehuda Halevi, Ibn Ezra, Rashi and Maimonides. It is a period which starts with the rise of Karaism, and includes the Khazars, the Crusades and the Inquisition, the Ghettos and leading to the emancipation of the Jews. To this part of the program each member of the club will contribute a carefully prepared paper on one of the important characters and his contribution. The paper will be read in class and all questions are to be discussed by the members. Another unusually interesting feature of the program will be the presentation and discussion of current events.

THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Several new members have been added to the Board at the recent Congregational meeting. They are to be congratulated upon receiving such honor unsolicited, which is a high tribute to their potential value and usefulness to the organization. The Board meets on every second Sunday of the month. A regular monthly session will be held February 12th at 10:00 a. m.

THE MEN'S CLUB

The growth of the Men's Club since the opening of its new home has been noted with pride and satisfaction. Not merely in numbers, but in interest and activity. There have been some fine stirring discussions on the floor anent certain problems and policies. There is certainly no dearth of oratory in debate or appeal. The boys can talk as well as play. And the open meetings are positively an intellectual and social treat. Mr. Ittamar Ben-Avi electrified his audience the other night with his brilliant address on "Jews and Judeans." An entertainment dance and card party will be held Sunday evening, February 12th, at 8 o'clock, in the social auditorium. Admission, \$1.00 at the door.

The next open meeting will be held on Sunday evening, February 26th, at 8:30 o'clock. Rev. Dr. John Logan Davis, minister of the Central Methodist Church, West 104th Street, will be the guest speaker. Our friend and counsellor, Sam Kogan, who has heard the speaker at the Men's Club of the free synagogue, says that a \$3.00 admission is not too much to pay to hear his wit and wisdom. Members and friends and those who read this notice are cordially invited to come to this meeting. A great treat is in store for you.

THE ALUMNI

There is no finer group of adolescent boys and girls anywhere in the city than is enrolled in this organization. Great plans are under way for important social and cultural activities. Sessions are held every Sunday morning, from 10:30 to 12:15.

TEMPLE FUNCTIONS

The Bar Mizvah of Julius Jastrow will take place Saturday, February 18. We offer his parents our sincere congratulations.

The Bar Misvah of Adolph Green will take place Saturday, February 25. We extend to his parents our hearty felicitations.

The wedding of Edwin E. Tenzer and Lillian Rosenfeld will take place February 12th. We wish the bridal couple good luck and happiness.

MEMORIAL WINDOW AND TABLET

Relatives and friends who cherish in love and treasure in honor the memory of their dear departed, should give thought to having a living memorial in the House of God. The name inscribed upon a window or tablet in the Temple becomes a part of the holy place and yields a spiritual influence. It is more potent as an act of reverence and love than a costly mausoleum or a magnificent tombstone. It is a living memorial among the living. The spirit in the beyond will look gratefully and approvingly upon such symbol of earthly immortality.

Please address all communications for particulars to the secretary, A. Tobias, 50 East 87th Street.

IN MEMORIAM

The community records its sorrow at the demise of
SAMUEL EMIL BLOCH
Honorary Vice-President
and at the passing of

CARL ROSENSTOCK
one of the oldest members of the Synagogue.

May their souls repose in peace.

WHY

In the course of a year's travel and association with different people we learn of a great many viewpoints, reasons, arguments, excuses, which, when seen in cold type, even their authors would admit their shallowness and absurdity. The following will serve as an illustration. The other day, a mild and harmless Rabbi asked a set of individuals, why they don't go to Temple, and this volley of reasons was fired at him in reply: (1) I am not religious. (2) I can pray at home. (3) What is the use of praying. (4) I am too busy. (5) I am too tired. (6) I can't break up the game. (7) The weather is too hot, too cold, too rainy, too windy. (8) It is the girl's night out. (9) I have to attend the regular meeting of my lodge. (10) I have a theatre engagement. (11) I am expected at the dinner and dance of my club.

They advance these excuses and expect God to give them full credit for their delinquency. The real reason of all these self-exonerations is: My soul is the least worth while thing about me, and I am too lazy and careless to make any effort in its behalf. This may be harsh summarization, but it is an honest bit of truth. Attending Divine Worship is an act of grace toward self and others. It is the Holy Communion of reason and conscience. It is a rationally conceived and Divinely approved social obligation. See what it aims to accomplish for you. To give you a restful diversion from your daily moil and toil. To stimulate your thoughts and feelings upon the higher issues of life. To invigorate your body and quicken your spirit through song and service, litany and lecture. To develop the best powers of the man and the woman. To keep warm your life-sustaining faith in God and humanity. To lend you poise and

dignity in prosperity and supply you with a prop and fortitude in adversity. Where can you invest your time to better advantage? This is WHY you should attend Temple regularly at least once every week. Make an earnest resolution to this effect. Begin with this week to carry it out. In a little while your spiritual planting will reap a harvest of satisfaction, and you will be grateful for this pastoral advice.

CRITICISM OF "A FREE SOUL"

I liked and enjoyed the performance of "A Free Soul" as much as any of the best plays of the season. And perhaps a little better. To begin with, the name suggests a subtle irony which provokes thought and stands out among the bromidic titles of other shows. The intelligent theatre-goer cannot fail to alight on it while scanning the pages of theatrical attractions, and having once picked it and seen it, he compliments himself for being a good speculator and guessing right.

"A Free Soul" is a finely constructed drama, interspersed with light and humor and bristling with emotional reactions. Word and action being perfectly synchronized, wove with tenseness and vigor, becoming a full page of natural experience ripped out of the great book of life. It holds the public's interest without pulling a shock and generates a message without intent to teach. It deals with social ideas, raises personal questions, drives the full consequences and forces inevitable conclusions upon the plane of common sense. All this is accomplished with a dramatic urgency and conviction that precludes the intrusion of one dull moment.

An evening with "A Free Soul" is a compact of the impacts of life. See what it does.